Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Early adolescence is a time of phenomenal growth, a time that produces dramatic differences among youngsters of the same age and rapidly-changing growth and behavior in individuals; and,

WHEREAS, Early adolescence is the time when the adult personality is largely developed, when individuals form self-concepts and answers to the fundamental questions of life that will become the ultimate determinant of behavior; and,

WHEREAS, Early adolescents face seemingly impossible choices that place them under heavy social and emotional pressures and face critical decisions that test their values and ethics; and,

WHEREAS, Early adolescents are the least understood and the most misunderstood of any age group; and,

WHEREAS, A general understanding of these, and other critical factors will improve and support the programs designed to serve the unique intellectual, social, and emotional needs of early adolescents; and,

WHEREAS, Middle level schools are specifically designed for this task:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8-14, 1987, as

NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION WEEK

in South Dakota, and that special opportunities for the general public to learn more about middle level schools, their students, teachers, administrators, and programs, be provided at the local, state, regional, and national levels during that time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE